

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/061,147 filed February 1, 2002, now U.S. 6,929,679, by the inventors of the present application discloses a method for uptaking, storing, and releasing gases wherein metallo-organic framework materials are used. In this context, a device and a fuel cell are disclosed comprising these metallo-organic framework materials. The described device includes, e.g., a container accommodating the metallo-organic framework material, an entrance/exit opening for allowing the at least one gas to enter or exit the device, and a gas-tight maintaining mechanism capable of maintaining the gas under pressure inside the container. However, neither specific containers nor container materials nor specific container geometries nor specific pressure ranges under which the gases are stored are disclosed.

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